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VETERANS' HALL OF FAME



## DRE POPOW

Dre Popow is the founder of the nonprofit organization Veterans Rebuilding Life (VRL). He graduated from FIT with degrees in Art and Design, and was employed as a graphic artist in New York City before enlisting in the Marines following the events of September 11, 2001.

Sergeant Popow served in combat operations in both Iraq and Afghanistan, and was honorably discharged. Upon returning home, Sergeant Popow began the difficult civilian transition process that all veterans endure. It was during this period that he began losing friends he had served with to suicide. By 2010, Sergeant Popow had lost more friends to suicide than the War itself.

In response, Sergeant Popow used his GI Bill to enroll at New York University, where he studied Nonprofit Development. Soon after, he founded Veterans Rebuilding Life, and authored its objective: To help veterans to rebuild their lives, by helping the victims of war to rebuild their own.

Today, Veterans Rebuilding Life has provided humanitarian assistance to hundreds of young veterans and children that were harmed in the crossfire of war. 100% of all donations made to VRL directly supports the mission. No profit is made by the volunteer staff, comprised of soldiers, social workers, firefighters and first responders.



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